

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 30-31 May 2005

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES  
**OUTCOME/OUTPUT:** All Outcomes and Outputs  
**TOPIC:** BUDGETED DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
– BREAKDOWN OF LINE ITEMS FOR SUPPLIERS, INTANGIBLES AND  
OTHER PAYABLES  
**REFERENCE:** HANSARD 30/05/05, PAGES E10-11

**QUESTION No.5**

(Hansard 30/05/05, p.E10)

**Senator Campbell** asked about:

With reference to table 5.2 on page 63 of the 2005-06 PBS, can you give us a breakdown of the line item 'suppliers' and its various subgroups?

**ANSWER**

"Suppliers expenses" incorporates the cost of services provided by an external party. It does not include services provided by departmental employees or depreciation/amortisation costs. For example, these expenses may include contractor services, lease costs and consultants.

It is not possible to provide a detailed breakdown for forward budget years as the budget estimates are prepared by extrapolating prior years' expenses. The proportion of different expenses from the 2003-04 Audited Financial Statements are listed below.

| <u>Expense Category</u>               | <u>% of Total Suppliers</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Contractor / Services                 | 23%                         |
| Leases                                | 16%                         |
| Consultant                            | 10%                         |
| Travel                                | 9%                          |
| IT Costs                              | 8%                          |
| Research                              | 5%                          |
| Administration / Supplies             | 5%                          |
| Advertising                           | 5%                          |
| Legals                                | 5%                          |
| Staff Development                     | 3%                          |
| Printing                              | 2%                          |
| Communications / Telephone / Internet | 2%                          |
| Conference                            | 1%                          |
| Other                                 | 6%                          |

Note: This represents Suppliers Expenses of \$88.139m for the Department of Industry Tourism and Resources, excluding suppliers expenses of \$19.175m attributable to the Australian Government Analytical Laboratories.